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SUBJ: PRESS REPORTS TRINCOMALEE CLOSED TO FOREIGN WARSHIPS

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1. WEEKEND NEWSPAPER 13 MAY IN STORY BYLINED BY IQBAL ATHAS STATED IN FUTURE PORT OF TRINCOMALEE TO BE OUT OF BOUNDS FOR FOREIGN WARSHIPS. PAPER ASSERTED MOVE IN KEEPING WITH GSL OBJECTIVE OF STRICT NON- ALIGNMENT POLICY AND LINKED MOVE TO PM BANDARANAIKE' S PROPOSAL FOR INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE. WEEKEND NOTED INTERESST SHOWN IN TRINCOMALEE BY MANY COUNTRIES IN VIEW ITS STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE, AND SAID GSL FELT PORT SHOULD BE DEVELOPED PURELY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. SAME ISSUE HAD ARTICLE BY ERIC DEWANARAYARRA ENTITLED " ALL EYES ON TRINCO" WHICH CALLED TRINCO " CYNOSURE OF ALL BIG POWER COVETOUS EYES.

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2. WEEKEND HAS IN PAST BEEN CLOSE TO GSL ARMED SERVICES
AND THIS MAY WELL BE CALCULATED LEAK TO SHOW PUBLIC POLCHDN #

USE OF TRINCOMALEE. CERTAINLY GSL HAS REVEALED NO RPT NO
EAGERNESS TO PERMIT FOREIGN WARSHIPS TO USE PORT(LAST KNOWN
WARSHIP TO VISIT THERE WAS UK MINESWEEPER IN OCT 70) PAPER
IGNORED INCONGRUITY IN CONTEXT IOPZ BETWEEN PERMISSION FOR
WARSHIPS TO VISIT COLOMBO AND DENIAL OF PERMISSION TO VISIT
TRINCO. CEYLONSE MUCH WEDDED TO IDEA THAT TRINCO IS PRIZE
SOUGHT BY WORLD POWERS WHO INTRIGUING TO MOVE IN THERE AND
THEREBY DOMINATE INDIAN OCEAN. HENCE PERIODICALLY ARTICLES
APPEAR ON NEED TO PRESERVE SRI LANKA' S " PURITY".
VAN HOLLEN

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